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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: REINFORCED TIGHT-BUFFERED OPTICAL FIBER AND

CABLES MADE WITH SAME

Inventor: John C. Smith

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application- 20 pages, including 3 independent claims and 22 claims total.
- 2. Drawings- 4 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-9).
- 3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$	740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	22	-	20	2	x \$18		\$36.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84		
Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$280							
Subtotal						\$	776.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$	776.00



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4. A check for \$776.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee; and \$ 36.00 additional claims fee.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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